

'Pirate' Loses Appeal; to Be Hanged on May 9

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Thoughts

"How has the Torrance nursery school helped your family?"

This question was answered by five mothers participating in this adult education sponsored program.

Mrs. Harold Anson, 17031

Gafney Ave.: "My whole family has benefited through this nursery school program. We have a wider appreciation of children in the three to five year old bracket. Our interest is now broader than it would be with just neighborhood children association."

Mrs. Howard Banks, 15919

ve.: "Observing children working, playing and growing together has given me a better understanding of child philosophy. I have learned from the instructor, here, and from other mothers participating."

Mrs. George Stanich, 15816

Marigold Ave.: "I have definitely gained a better understanding of the behavior of pre-school children and their problems. I think the common problems existing in most children are easier understood through association with other mothers and their children."

Mrs. Forrest Melton, 5227

Ruby St.: "I have learned to understand the behavior and habits of children through this school and it has been wonderful for son in preparing him for kindergarten. My family has benefited a great deal."

Mrs. Maurice Giglio, 2509 W.

177th St.: "I have learned a lot about my child through studying his reactions to other children here. I have a much better perspective of problems children are confronted with. I have enjoyed knowing and working with other mothers."

Hit by Car

5-year-old Vincent Zorza, Via La Circula, Hollywood area, received possible serious internal injuries Thursday afternoon when struck by a car near his home.

Execution Set For Torrance Drifter, Crony

A Torrance drifter and his crony, convicted of murdering charter boat captain in the Bahamas a year ago, have lost their last appeal and are scheduled to be hanged for the slaying on May 9.

Twenty-five-year-old Alvin Table, who reportedly left a wife here when he went on a jaunt with 23-year-old Wayne Sees of Arkansas, was captured with his pal in Cuba and later extradited to the Bahamas for trial.

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Jeff Cobb To Start Thursday

A thrill a minute sums up Jeff Cobb, scheduled to start next Thursday in the HERALD.

Jeff Cobb is the vibrantly new comic strip which proves, once and for all, that truth is stranger than fiction—and much more absorbing.

You will agree, as you follow the unfolding of real-life human dramas that might have taken place in your own home town. This is literally true, since each episode is taken from the pages of some American newspaper.

The files of papers in every part of the country have been combed to bring you the stories of people just like yourself in exciting events that actually happened.

The only change is in the names of those involved. Otherwise every story is absolutely true.

Pete Hoffman, who writes and draws Jeff Cobb, began early—his first drawings were published in his hometown newspaper when he was four.

Begin the thrilling Jeff Cobb series in the comic section of the HERALD Thursday, and follow it each Thursday and Sunday.

land city of Nassau set the execution date for Table and Sees after the Privy Council in London turned down their appeal.

THE PAIR was accused of the fatal shooting of Capt. Angus Boatwright, 56, of the Florida Keys town of Islamorada. He died aboard his cabin cruiser just off Elbow Cay in Bahamian waters on April 23, 1960.

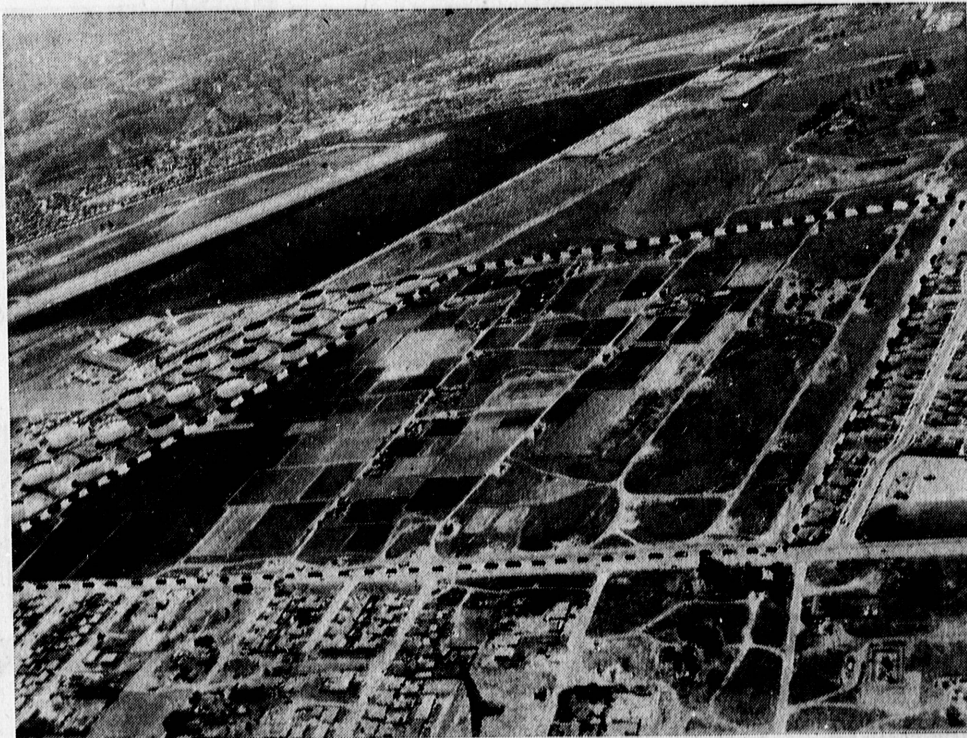
According to charges drawn up against Table and Sees, the pair left the four passengers, the mate, and an 18-year-old Texas girl identified there as Table's wife, on a small island and fled with the boat.

EARLIER Table, Sees, and the girl had taken a boat from Florida Keys, and sailed for the Bahamas, but wrecked on the rocks at Elbow Cay. Boatwright came to their rescue when he noticed their flashing distress signal.

Sees allegedly swam out to the cruiser, and shot Boatwright after being helped aboard. He and Table put the passengers and mate on the island and sailed to Cuba.

IN THE TRIAL last December, Sees pleaded self defense and Table denied being aboard the boat when the slaying occurred.

Denial of an appeal this week by the Privy Council in London, and the ruling Wednesday by the governor's executive council that there was no reason for further delay of the execution apparently ends hope of the condemned pair to beat the gallows.



PROPOSED FOR HOMES . . . This 150-acre plot of ground lying west of Crenshaw Blvd. and south of 230th St. will be the subject of a series of public hearings beginning Wednesday night before the city planning commission. Tract maps have been filed for the property calling for erection of 625 homes. Ten acres will

be set aside for a new elementary school, and slightly more than an acre for commercial uses. Hearings have been scheduled before the planning commission Wednesday and again May 17. The council will make the final determination.

Decision On Court Due Soon

Judge Lloyd S. Nix announced yesterday that the Committee appointed by the Presiding Judge to study the Southwest District Court location would have its report and recommendations prepared within the next two weeks. Judge Nix and the other members of the Special Committee, Judges William P. Haughton and Ben Koenig, met at noon, Thursday, to consider evidence presented at the Wednesday night public hearing and the timing of the report.

Judge Nix stated that although the Committee had been well briefed in advance of the meeting, and have visited the proposed sites, evaluation of the mass of material presented at the public hearing would necessitate several days' study.

Rivierans To Meet Tomorrow

Councilman Willys G. Blount will explain the city-to-city program and the possibility of adopting a second sister city when he speaks to members of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' Assn. Monday night at the Parkway Elementary School, 220 Via Riviera.

Councilman Blount, chairman of Torrance's city-to-city program, will discuss proposals that the city adopt a sister city in addition to Konya, Turkey, this time a Western Hemisphere city.

Other matters to be discussed by the homeowners tomorrow night at the 8 p.m. meeting include tree-topping in the residential district, and a stairway into El Retiro Park. A proposal to rezone 150 acres of land for residential use may also be discussed, a spokesman for the association said yesterday.



AT GROUNDBREAKING . . . Getting a grip of the shovel as construction begins here on the new \$850,000 telephone information building are (from left) Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, Manager R. S. Pyle of the Torrance office for Pacific Telephone, Vice President Harold Frenz of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Albert Isen. The building is scheduled to be occupied later this year. (Herald Photo)

Work Starts on Phone Co. Information Center Here

Pacific Telephone broke ground Friday at the site of its Torrance "113" information center on the southwest corner of Torrance Blvd. and Arlington Ave.

Construction began on April 27.

Prior to groundbreaking ceremonies, Pacific Telephone's Torrance manager, Dick Pyle, hosted various civic and company dignitaries at a luncheon in the Palms Restaurant.

On hand were Assemblyman Vince Thomas, Torrance Mayor Albert Isen, Torrance Chamber of Commerce Vice President Harold Frenz, representatives of Emil R. Wohl Construction Co., Allison and Rible Architects, and Pacific Telephone.

PALE SAID the new two-story building, which will be framed for a third story should it be required by growth in the area, will contain nearly 20,000 square feet.

He said the "113" center will provide information service to Pacific Telephone subscribers in Torrance, Wilmington, San Pedro, Gardena, El Segundo, Inglewood, Hawthorne and Long Beach.

The building, which will cost Pacific Telephone a total of nearly \$850,000, will house 72 positions of the latest type information switchboard, a public business office, company employment offices and various employee facilities.

PALE TOLD his audience that more than 200 telephone operators will be employed in the new building and emphasized that the payroll will bring more than \$1 million annually to Torrance.

"Torrance is the center of a very fast-growing area," Pyle said, "and is considered an excellent employment market."

He said the majority of the people working in the new facility will come from Torrance.

"Our customers in Torrance and the surrounding area have been patient in waiting for this new information center," he continued, "and I'm sure the building will provide them with

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Change Sought In Use

A heated battle over a proposal to rezone 150 acres of industrial land to permit a housing development of more than 600 homes is expected as hearings are scheduled to open Wednesday evening before the city's planning commission.

Tract maps filed by Builder Don Wilson and the Marble Oil Co. contemplate construction of 625 homes on property west of Crenshaw Blvd. and south of 230th St.

ACCORDING to the proposal by Wilson and the Marble Co., 10 acres would be set aside for a new elementary school and 1.3 acres would be reserved for commercial use. About six acres would be set aside for a drain sump, and another four acres for oil well sites.

The property lies just south of the area developed by Wilson after a heated battle over the zoning two years ago. It was rezoned for residential use from industrial use, and a number of city officials declared at that time it would be the last such bite into the city's industrial property.

OPPOSITION at the rezoning proposal two years ago expressed concern that the city's industrial potential was being diluted, and school leaders that the additional homes increased the burdens on city taxpayers to provide operating and building funds for schools.

On the other side of the argument will be those who feel that the city's industrial property is not being developed as it should be, and the land now proposed for rezoning can be pointed to as an example. At the present time, the huge tract is occupied only by a few farms and oil drilling sites.

IN ADDITION to the Wednesday night hearing before the planning commission, a second hearing is required and will be held May 17.

Final determination of the zoning is the responsibility of the city council, which will probably consider the matter early in June.

Polio Clinic Set Friday

Polio and tetanus vaccines will be offered at the Madison Elementary School next Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., it was announced here yesterday. The clinic will be sponsored by the Madison School PTA, according to Gloria Schwartz, spokesman for the sponsoring group.

The school is located at 17515 Amie Ave. in North Torrance. A charge of \$1 per shot with a \$5 maximum for members of one family has been established for the clinic, she said.

Police Arrest Man Seeking Boat

A 33-year-old North Torrance man was arrested by Torrance police early Friday after they reported seeing him trying doors of an apartment house.

Donald D. Sasse, 2511 W. 185th St., told arresting officers he was seeking a rowboat for sale.

The arrest was made at 4 a.m.